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SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AND
ARRIVAL STATEMENT

ARRIVAL STATEMENT - I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE ARRIVED IN
TOGO AND GRATEFUL FOR THE COURTESY YOU HAVE ACCORDED ME IN
COMING TO THE AIRPORT AT THIS LATE HOUR. I HAVE LOOKED
FORWARD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO THIS MOMENT, MY IMPATIENCE
GROWING WITH EACH ADDITIONAL ACCOUNT OF THE CHARM AND HOS-
PITALITY OF TOGO AND HER PEOPLE. I AM CONFIDENT I WILL
ENJOY THE FRIENDLY RECEPTION MY PREDECESSORS EXPERIENCED,
AND I AM HOPEFUL MY EFFORTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAIN-
TENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE TIES OF COOPERATION AND
FRIENDSHIP UNITING THE PEOPLES OF TOGO AND THE UNITED
STATES. THANK YOU ONCE MORE FOR THIS RECEPTION, AND
GOODNIGHT.

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS:

1. I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE
LETTERS BY WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON ACCREDITS ME AS AMBASSADOR
EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO AND THE
LETTER OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR DWIGHT
DICKINSON.

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2. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES VALUES HIGHLY THE

EXCELLENT RELATIONS IT HAS ENJOYED WITH TOGO IN THE FOURTEEN YEARS SINCE YOUR NATION ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE, MR. PRESIDENT. WE ARE CONSCIOUS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AVOID THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH ALL TOO OFTEN DISTURB RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. MY ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT HAS BEEN EXCITED NOT ONLY BY THIS HISTORY OF CORDIAL COMPREHENSION BUT BY THE TESTIMONY OF RETURNED AMERICAN ENVOYS AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, WHO DESCRIBE WITH EVIDENT DELIGHT THE WARM HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDSHIP THEY ENJOYED HERE IN TOGO.

3. WHILE ON ASSIGNMENT ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA, AND DURING MY FREQUENT TRAVELS THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENT, I HAVE SEEN FEW CITIES WHICH CAN RIVAL THE BEAUTY OF LOME'S NATURAL SETTING. IT IS WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THOSE OTHER REGIONS OF TOGO WHICH HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED IN SUCH ATTRACTIVE TERMS BY FRIENDS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE PRECEDED ME TO THIS COUNTRY. NATURE'S GIFT HAS BEEN TREATED WITH RESPECT AND IMAGINATION IN LOME. YOUR ATTRACTIVE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND HOMES, THE PROLIFERATION OF FLOWERS, AND THE BROAD AVENUES OF THE CAPITAL DEMONSTRATE THAT MODERNIZATION CAN EMBELISH RATHER THAN SCAR.

4. THESE SAME PUBLIC BUILDINGS, THE BUSY PORT, AND THE TOURIST COMPLEXES OUTSIDE LOME ARE EXAMPLES OF THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE INDUSTRY OF THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE. I AM AWARE ALSO OF TOGOLESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE PROVISION OF OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES. I AM PLEASED THAT THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THROUGH OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD BANK WE HAVE COLLABORATED WITH YOU IN THIS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. MY GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO MAINTAIN THIS COLLABORATION. THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF OUR GOVERNMENT, WE ALSO WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTMENT, AS WELL AS TRADE, IN THE EXPECTATION THAT TRADE AND INVESTMENT WILL STIMULATE ADDITIONAL GROWTH.

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5. WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, MY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO LIMIT STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS AND TO RELAX TENSIONS BETWEEN THOSE STATES POSSESSING WEAPONS WHICH WOULD DESTROY CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION IF EMPLOYED IN UNRESTRICTED FASHION. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING OUR IDEAS ON THIS AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES WITH YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. I WILL REPORT FAITHFULLY TO

MY GOVERNMENT YOUR VIEWS ON THIS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF CONCERN TO TOGO AND ITS PEOPLE.

6. IN CLOSING, MR. PRESIDENT, PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE BEST WISHES OF PRESIDENT NIXON, AND OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR YOUR CONTINUED PERSONAL WELFARE AND FOR THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF TOGO. LONG LIVE AMERICAN-TOGOLESE FRIENDSHIP.

FOLLOWING IS FRENCH TEXT:

ARRIVAL STATEMENT - JE SUIS TRES HEUREUX DE ME TROUVER AU TOGO ET RECONNAISSANT DE LA COURTOISIE QUE VOUS AVEZ MANIFESTEE A MON EGARD EN VENANT M'ACCUEILLIR A L'AEROPORT A CETTE HEURE TARDIVE. J'AI ATTENDU CE MOMENT PENDANT PLUSIEURS MOIS, MON IMPATIENCE GRANDISSANT CHAQUE FOIS QUE ME PARVENAIT UN NOUVEAU TEMOIGNAGE DU CHARME ET DE L'HOSPITALITE DU TOGO ET DE SA POPULATION. JE SUIS CONVAINCU QUE JE JOUIRAI DE LA MEME RECEPTION CORDIALE QUE MES PREDECESSEURS ET J'ESPERE QUE MES EFFORTS CONTRIBUERONT A MAINTENIR ET A RESSERRER LES LIENS DE COOPERATION ET D'AMITIE QUI UNISSENT LES PEUPLES DU TOGO ET DES ETATS-UNIS. JE VOUS REMERCIE ENCORE DE VOTRE ACCUEIL ET BONSOIR A TOUS.

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS:

1. J'AI L'HONNEUR DE PRESENTER A VOTRE EXCELLENCE LES LETTRES PAR LESQUELLES LE PRESIDENT NIXON M'ACCREDITE EN QUALITE D'AMBASSADEUR EXTRAORDINAIRE ET PLENIPOTENTIAIRE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE AUPRES DU GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU TOGO, AINSI QUE LA LETTRE DE RAPPEL DE MON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREDECESSEUR, L'AMBASSADEUR DWIGHT DICKINSON.

2. LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS APPRECIE HAUTEMENT LES EXCELLENTEES RELATIONS DONT IL A JOUI AVEC LE TOGO DURANT LES QUATORZE ANNEES ECOULEES DEPUIS L'ACCESSION DE VOTRE PAYS A L'INDEPENDANCE, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT. NOUS SOMMES CONSCIENTS DU FAIT QUE NOUS AVONS PU EVITER LES SERIEUX PROBLEMES QUI, TROP SOUVENT, COMPROMETTENT LES RELATIONS ENTRE ETATS. MON ENTHOUSIASME POUR CETTE CHARGE A ETE STIMULE NON SEULEMENT PAR CETTE TRADITION DE COMPREHENSION CORDIALE MAIS PAR LE TEMOIGNAGE DES ENVOYES AMERICAINS ET DES VOLONTAIRES DU CORPS DE LA PAIX DE RETOUR AUX ETATS-UNIS, QUI DECRIVENT AVEC UN PLAISIR EVIDENT L'HOSPITALITE CHALEUREUSE ET L'AMITIE DONT ILS ONT ETE L'OBJET ICI AU TOGO.

3. AU COURS DE MES MISSIONS AILLEURS EN AFRIQUE, ET PENDANT MES VOYAGES FREQUENTS DANS TOUT LE CONTINENT, J'AI VU PEU DE VILLES QUI PUISSENT RIVALISER AVEC LA BEAUTE DU CADRE NATUREL DE LOME. C'EST AVEC UN VIF ENTHOUSIASME QUE JE SONGE A VISITER LES AUTRES REGIONS DU TOGO QUI ONT ETE DECRITES EN TERMES SI ATTRAYANTS PAR LES AMIS QUI ONT EU LA BONNE FORTUNE DE ME PRECEDER DANS CE PAYS. LES BEAUTES DE LA NATURE ONT ETE TRAITEES AVEC RESPECT ET IMAGINATION ICI A LOME. LES BEAUX EDIFICES PUBLICS ET LES JOLIES HABITATIONS, L'ABONDANCE DE FLEURS ET LES LARGES AVENUES DE LA CAPITALE DEMONTRENT QUE LA MODERNISATION PEUT EMBELLIR PLUTOT QUE DEFIGURER.

4. CES MEMES EDIFICES PUBLICS, LE PORT PLEIN D'ACTIVITE ET LES INSTALLATIONS DE TOURISME AUTOUR DE LOME SONT AUTANT D'EXEMPLES DES PROGRES REALISES DANS L'INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIQUE DU PAYS GRACE AU CARACTERE INDUSTRIEL DU PEUPLE TOGOLAIS. J'AI CONSCIENCE EGALEMENT DES ACCOMPLISSEMENTS DU TOGO EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'EDUCATION, LA SANTE PUBLIQUE ET LA PRESTATION D'AUTRES SERVICES SOCIAUX. JE ME FELICITE QUE, GRACE A DIFFERENTS PROGRAMMES DU GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS ET A NOTRE APPUI FINANCIER AUX PROGRAMMES D'ASSISTANCE DES NATIONS UNIES ET DE LA BANQUE MONDIALE, NOUS AYONS COLLABORE AVEC VOUS A CET EFFORT DE DEVELOPPEMENT. MON GOUVERNEMENT ENTEND MAINTENIR CETTE

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COLLABORATION. PAR LE TRUCHEMENT DES ORGANISMES COMPETENTS DE NOTRE GOUVERNEMENT, NOUS CONTINUERONS EGALEMENT A ENCOURAGER L'INVESTISSEMENT AMERICAIN PRIVE, AINSI QUE LES ECHANGES COMMERCIAUX, DANS L'ESPOIR QUE LE COMMERCE ET L'INVESTISSEMENT STIMULERONT UNE CROISSANCE ADDITIONNELLE.

5. AU SEIN DE LA COMMUNAUTE INTERNATIONALE, LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS S'EST EFFORCE DE LIMITER LES ARMEMENTS STRATEGIQUES ET D'ASSURER UNE DETENTE ENTRE LES ETATS POSSEDANT DES ARMES QUI DETRUIRAIENT LA CIVILISATION CONTEMPORAINE SI ELLES ETAIENT EMPLOYEES SANS RESTRICTION. JE SERAI HEUREUX DE DISCUTER DE NOS IDEES SUR CE SUJET ET D'AUTRES QUESTIONS IMPORTANTES AVEC VOUS ET AVEC LES MEMBRES DE VOTRE GOUVERNEMENT. JE RAPPORTERAI FIDELEMENT A MON GOUVERNEMENT VOS VUES A CET EGARD ET A L'EGARD D'AUTRES PROBLEMES INTERNATIONAUX QUI INTERESSENT LE TOGO ET SON PEUPLE.

6. POUR TERMINER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, QU'IL ME SOIT PERMIS DE VOUS EXPRIMER LES MEILLEURS VOEUX DU PRESIDENT NIXON, AINSI QUE DU GOUVERNEMENT ET DU PEUPLE DES ETATS-

UNIS, POUR LE MAINTIEN DE VOTRE BIEN-ETRE PERSONNEL ET
POUR LA PAIX ET LA PROSPERITE DU PEUPLE DU TOGO. VIVE

L'AMITIE ENTRE LE TOGO ET LES ETATS-UNIS. RUSH

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